

REMARKS

The November 27, 2009 restriction requirement holds that this application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct inventions. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following inventions for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Invention I – claims 1-13 and 20-23 (light control material); and

Invention II – claims 14-19 (method of making liquid crystal light control element).

In response, Applicants elect the ***Invention I*** drawn to light control material ***without traverse***.

Furthermore, Applicants are required to elect one of the following species on the merit under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species IA – surface layer and the base layer comprise polymer films; and

Species IB – surface layer comprises glass and base layer comprises a polymer film.

In response, Applicant elects the ***Species IA*** drawn to surface layer and the base layer comprise polymer films ***without traverse***.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1-9, 11-13 and 23-23 since they read on the elected species. These remaining claims can be withdrawn from consideration in this case. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file the divisional applications for the non-elected inventions/species.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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